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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2004, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-20. Applicant respectfully cancels remaining claims 21-24 (Group II) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to prosecute them in divisional applications at a later date.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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